

Senator Newell understands that that is the way that this is to be handled. If there is a lot of objections to the bill, we are not going to jeopardize 162 with the amendments. If there are not any objection or too many objections to the bill that can't be worked out, as Senator Nichol I think had some, but he is not here. I guess that you have to say "Too bad". We have held it now for quite a while and I wish that he would have been here and I hope that he shows up in time to talk about the issue. But, if there is no serious objection to it, it is the same section. It can be handled properly under this bill, and if the body so desires, that is the way we are going to go.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The other day I rose in opposition to Senator Newell's amendment. Since that time I have had an opportunity to read the amendment, talk with the Labor Commissioner and found that the bill is one that is very necessary. There is no objection from the stand point of the industry and after having had an opportunity to obtain this additional information, read the amendment, I do not think that it will be an impediment to LB162 and I now rise in support of the amendment that Mr. Newell has offered.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I support the amendment by my friend Senator Newell. As you may know, the Labor Committee held a public hearing on LB535 a couple days ago at noon, and basically this is his amendment. The employment agency people were in there, everybody seems to be in accord. Nobody found any objection to the bill. I would recommend the adoption of Senator Newell's amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I have a question of Senator Newell if he would yield. I have not had an opportunity to read this bill thoroughly 535. Essentially as I scanned it, an employer would have to pay the employment fee if he hired an employee, is that right?

SENATOR NEWELL: The only provision there is that if he does not want to be regulated by the state. What the bill deals with is regulation by the state. The state has to regulate all employers now.

SENATOR DWORAK: Employers or employment agencies?

SENATOR NEWELL: Employment agencies, excuse me. Okay, and the state says that they do not want to regulate...there is no problems with employment agencies that have fee paid positions. Because the actual employer pays that fee. So, they are just totally.....all the bill does in that regard is deregulates. In other words it no longer mandates that the State Labor Department has to regulate an employment agency that has...that deals solely with an employer paid fees. It only regulates...it will continue to regulate only those agencies where the employee pays the fee.

SENATOR DWORAK: As they do now.